

## **If You Resided in Hartford, Connecticut and were Ordered to Leave Your Home by City of Hartford Code Enforcement Officials between January 1, 2010 and September 30, 2015, You Could Get Money from a Class Settlement Valued at \$2,750,000.**

This proposed Settlement resolves litigation concerning the Court's finding that the City of Hartford did not operate its relocation assistance program in accordance with state law from January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015 in the case entitled *Serrano et al. v. Gaitor et al*, CVH-8104-519. This Settlement will not be final until finally approved by the Court.

### **How do I know if I am eligible to receive a payment from this Settlement agreement?**

You are a member of the "Settlement Class" if you were displaced from your home in Hartford, Connecticut, between January 1, 2010 and September 30, 2015, meaning that you were required to leave your home by City of Hartford code enforcement officials.

### **How can I submit a Claim?**

Claim Forms are available for download at **[www.HartfordRelocation.com](http://www.HartfordRelocation.com)**. You can also request that a copy of the Claim Form be mailed to you by calling (800) 546-3470. You are encouraged to contact Greater Hartford Legal Aid at (860) 541-5000 to request free assistance with completing the form.

### **How much will I be paid?**

The Settlement establishes a Claims Fund of \$2,750,000. The amount of money that you receive depends on how many people make claims against the Claims Fund, how long you lived at the Hartford home that you were required to leave as a direct result of Hartford code enforcement activities and whether you had a housing subsidy or were able to return to a subsidized housing complex. For more details, visit **[www.HartfordRelocation.com](http://www.HartfordRelocation.com)** where you can review the full Settlement Agreement and other related documents.

### **Who else gets paid?**

The Settlement Class is represented by Greater Hartford Legal Aid, which will receive a fee award of up to \$300,000. Notice and claims administration costs will require an expenditure of up to \$132,000. These costs will be paid by the City of Hartford and will not diminish the Claims Funds.

### **What are my Rights?**

If you do nothing, members of the Settlement Class who file a claim will be eligible for payment once the Court approves the Settlement. If you want to keep any rights you may have separately to sue the Defendants about issues covered by the Settlement Agreement, you must exclude yourself by submitting a signed letter stating "I request exclusion from the Hartford Relocation Settlement" and including the date you were ordered to leave by City of Hartford code enforcement officials and the address from which you were ordered to leave (if you recall). Your letter should be **postmarked by no later than May 25, 2018** and mailed to Exclusions-Hartford Relocation, c/o The Notice Company, PO Box 455, Hingham, MA 02043. If you exclude yourself, you will not be allowed to file a claim for payment. If you stay in the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the Court's decisions and you will have the right to object to the Settlement by submitting an objection to the Court by **no later than May 25, 2018**. Objections should be addressed to Clerk of the Court, Hartford Housing Session, 80 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106.

**When is the Final Hearing?**

The Court will consider all aspects of the Settlement at a Fairness Hearing scheduled to be held on **June 22, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Glenn A. Woods, at the Hartford Housing Session of the Superior Court of Connecticut, 80 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106. If you give advanced notice, you or your own lawyer may appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense. The Court may adjourn or continue the Fairness Hearing to additional dates without further notice, so you should check the website **www.HartfordRelocation.com** for current information.

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